

## ABSTRACT

In one embodiment, the present invention is directed to a processor-based device that prevents unauthorized use, comprising a processor for executing software instructions, software instructions defining at least one user application, a wireless communication subsystem that is operable to transmit and receive data utilizing a wireless protocol, and software instructions defining a security protocol process that is operable to prevent execution of the software instructions defining the at least one user application by the processor when a message is received via the wireless communication subsystem, wherein the message indicates that the processor-based device is not in possession of a rightful user.

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